



Unit Cost for Services

As Required by

Human Resources Code,

Section 101A.107

Health and Human Services

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1. Introduction

The *Unit Cost for Services Report* is submitted per Human Resources Code, Section 101A.107. The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is required to submit the report annually to the Office of the Governor and Legislative Budget Board, by September 30, per clarifying guidance from the Legislative Budget Board.

The report must clearly identify the unit cost of each service provided by the 28 Texas Area Agencies on Aging, other than:

- services related to community service volunteering; and
- subsidized employment services.

HHSC is the designated state agency on aging responsible for administering programs and services under the Older Americans Act of 1965, Public Law 89-73 (as amended through Public Law 114-144, enacted April 19, 2016). The Office of Area Agencies on Aging allocates funds to the Texas Area Agencies on Aging, which administer programs and services in all 254 counties to support services for persons 60 and older, their family members, and other caregivers.

The 2018 annual report compiles the state fiscal year 2017 performance data through completion of 2017 Closeout Reconciliation. The report data includes final corrections and adjustments to the performance data providing an accurate representation of the cost for each service. Services appropriated through HHSC funding sources under Title III of the Older Americans Act are reported by rate or unit cost, with the exception of Nutrition Consultation as this service by licensed dietitians to AAAs or nutrition providers ensures menus for congregate and home delivered meals comply with Older Americans Act dietary requirements.

Table 1. Access and Assistance Services Unit Cost of Service - State Fiscal Year 2017

Service Title	Unit Description	Expenditures	Units Purchased	Average Cost Per Unit
Care Coordination	One Hour	\$3,873,635	40,840	\$94.85
Caregiver Support Coordination	One Hour	\$2,903,435	24,378	\$119.10
Information, Referral and Assistance	One Contact	\$2,921,079	227,236	\$12.85
Legal Assistance Under 60	One Hour	\$352,941	4,719	\$74.79
Legal Assistance 60 & Over	One Hour	\$3,229,578	37,942	\$85.12
Legal Awareness	One Contact	\$2,167,473	689,719	\$3.14
Participant Assessment- Access & Assistance	One Complete Assessment	\$4,044	59	\$68.54

Table 2. Nutrition Services Unit Cost of Service - State Fiscal Year 2017

Service Title	Unit Description	Expenditures	Units Purchased	Average Cost Per Unit
Congregate Meals	One Meal	\$18,057,764	3,022,513	\$5.97
Home Delivered Meals	One Meal	\$23,621,410	4,645,697	\$5.08
Nutrition Education	One Contact	\$15,016	105,582	\$0.14
Nutrition Counseling	One Contact	\$0	0	\$0.00
Nutrition Consultation	Not Applicable	\$57,721	0	\$0.00
Participant Assessment- Nutrition Services	One Complete Assessment	\$50,638	1,158	\$43.73

Table 3. Services to Assist Independence Unit Cost of Service - State Fiscal Year 2017

Service Title	Unit Description	Expenditures	Units Purchased	Average Cost Per Unit
Day Activity & Health Services	One-Half Day	\$69,565	4,308	\$16.15
Assisted Transportation	One, One-Way Trip	\$0	0	\$0.00
Caregiver Respite Care-In Home	One Hour	\$1,810,805	132,015	\$13.72
Caregiver Respite Care-Institutional	One Hour	\$188,223	32,130	\$5.86
Caregiver Respite Care-Non Residential	One Hour	\$59,740	7,769	\$7.69
Caregiver Education & Training	One Contact	\$386,354	6,074	\$63.61
Caregiver Information Services	One Activity	\$1,211,801	16,023	\$75.63
Chore Maintenance	One Hour	\$50,171	1,315	\$38.15
Emergency Response	One Month of Service	\$126,567	4,578	\$27.65
Escort	One, One-Way Trip	\$0	0	\$0.00
Evidence Based Intervention	One Contact	\$1,896,777	41,800	\$45.38
Health Maintenance	One Contact	\$1,691,253	13,996	\$120.84
Health Screening	One Contact	\$14,651	1,562	\$9.38
Homemaker	One Hour	\$632,832	47,465	\$13.33

Service Title	Unit Description	Expenditures	Units Purchased	Average Cost Per Unit
Hospice	One Hour	\$0	0	\$0.00
Income Support	One Contact	\$399,367	1,755	\$227.56
Instruction & Training	One Contact	\$174,063	4,701	\$37.03
Mental Health Services	One Contact	\$41,383	416	\$99.48
Personal Assistance	One Hour	\$796,612	56,349	\$14.14
Physical Fitness	One Contact	\$13,657	2,491	\$5.48
Recreation	One Contact	\$0	0	\$0.00
Residential Repair-Title III	One Dwelling	\$2,749,780	1,777	\$1,547.43
Telephone Reassurance	One Contact	\$20,093	2,556	\$7.86
Transportation Demand Response	One, One-Way Trip	\$4,179,696	585,927	\$7.13
Transportation Fixed Route	One, One-Way Trip	\$0	0	\$0.00
Visiting	One Contact	\$10,493	1,128	\$9.30
Volunteer Placement	One Successful Placement	\$0	0	\$0.00
Voucher-Caregiver Respite Care	One Hour	\$76,895	8,198	\$9.38

Service Title	Unit Description	Expenditures	Units Purchased	Average Cost Per Unit
Voucher-Homemaker	One Hour	\$31,397	3,072	\$10.22
Voucher-Transportation	One, One-Way Trip	\$1,288	218	\$5.91